

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the October 19, 2003 Personal Interview with the Examiner. During the Personal Interview, Applicants' representative discussed the Microsoft Computer Dictionary meaning of a "bridge" and how this meaning related to the application. The Examiner replied that structures as found in the meaning of "bridge" were not disclosed in the claims' language.

Claims 1-16 and 19-26 are pending in the application. This Preliminary Amendment currently amends claims 1-5, 7-12, 14, 15, 20-22, 25, and 26. Claims 17 and 18 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added to currently amended claims 1-5, 7-12, 14, 15, 20-22, 25, and 26. Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14, 15, 20-22, 25, and 26. are currently amended to merely clarify the subject matter of the claims and in no way narrow the scope of the claims in order to overcome the prior art or for any other statutory purpose of patentability. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Notwithstanding any claim amendments of the present Amendment or those amendments that may be made later during prosecution, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements.

I. THE CLAIMED INVENTION

As a courtesy to the Examiner, Applicants have underlined those portions of the independent claims, which include structure tied to the meaning of a "bridge," which was discussed during the October 19, 2003 Personal Interview.

The claimed invention, as defined in claim 1, is directed to a docking station for a mobile computer that comprises a dock housing coupled to a desktop display and including a primary bus, and an extended bridge that comprises a first side having an end connected to the primary bus of the dock housing, a second side having an end connected to a secondary bus for

connecting to the mobile computer, and a device that implements a peripheral component interconnect (PCI)-to PCI communication.

The claimed invention, as defined in claim 8, is directed to communication system that comprises a mobile computer including an input/output (I/O) bus and a graphics adapter, a desktop display panel coupled to the mobile computer, a pointing device for providing inputs for display on the desktop display panel, a dock that connects with the mobile computer by connecting to the I/O bus to drive the graphics adapter and the desktop display panel and that connects with the pointing device, in which the dock comprises an extended bridge, the extended bridge comprising a first side having an end connected to a primary bus of the dock, a second side having an end connected to the I/O bus of the mobile computer, and a device that implements a peripheral component interconnect (PCI)-to PCI communication, and in which computing power is provided by the mobile computer with access to data from the mobile computer.

The claimed invention, as defined in claim 10, is directed to a computer system that comprises a mobile computer, a docking station for receiving the mobile computer, an extended bridge comprising a first side having an end connected to a primary bus of the docking station, a second side having an end connected to a secondary bus for connecting to the mobile computer, and a device that implements a peripheral component interconnect (PCI)-to PCI communication, and a flat panel display disposed in the docking station coupled to the mobile computer via the docking station, an adapter of the mobile computer using one of a serial connector and a parallel connector to connect to another end of the first side and another end of the second side of the extended bridge.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-16, and 19-26, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

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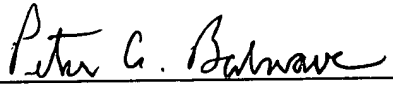
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Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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